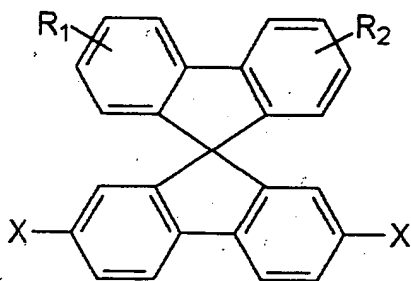


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

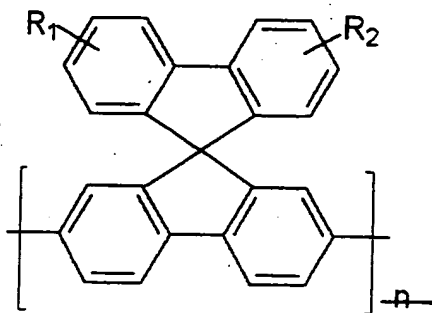
1. (Currently Amended) A compound defined by the following formula:



wherein R_1 and R_2 are identical or different and are independently a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, ~~or an aryl group substituted by C_1 - C_{22} alkyl~~, and at least one of the R_1 and R_2 ~~contains one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, Si and Ge, and X is halogen, boric acid or boric ester~~ is a polar group containing an ether bond.

- [2. (Cancelled)]

3. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 1, wherein at least one of the R_1 and R_2 contains 2 to 5 oxygen atoms forming an ether bond on every two carbons.
4. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescence (EL) polymer comprising repeating units of the following formula:



wherein R₁ and R₂ are identical or different and are independently a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, ~~or an aryl group substituted by C₁-C₂₂ alkyl~~, and at least one of the R₁ and R₂ ~~contains one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, Si and Ge~~ is a polar group containing an ether bond.

[5. (Cancelled)]

6. (Currently Amended) The EL polymer of claim ~~5~~ 4, wherein at least one of the R₁ and R₂ contains 2 to 5 oxygen atoms forming an ether bond on every two carbons.

7. (Original) The EL polymer of claim 4, wherein the R₁ and R₂ are at positions 3' and 6', respectively.

8. (Original) The EL polymer of claim 4, wherein the R₁ and R₂ are at positions 1' and 6', respectively.

9. (Original) The EL polymer of claim 4, wherein at least one of the R₁ and R₂ is 3,6-dioxaheptyloxy or 3,6,9-trioxadecyloxy.

10. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescence element comprising:
a cathode;
an anode; and
a light-emitting layer interposed between the cathode and the anode and containing the EL polymer as claimed in one of claims 4 and 6 through 9.